(b) (i) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has presently not included Iron fortification in the National programme, however under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme, the following interventions are being carried out to address the issue of Anaemia:

- To prevent and combat deficiencies of Iron and Folic Acid through Supplementation for all children starting from 6 months till the age of 60 months and Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation for preschool children.
- Emphasis on early exclusive breast feeding till the age of six months and complementary feeding from 6 months with continued breastfeeding till the age of 2 years under the Infant and Young Child Feeding programme.

(ii) To address the issue of malnutrition all children under 3 years of age are provided supplementary nutrition at Anganwadi centres throughout the country under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) of the Department of Women and Child Development.

Gynaecology and obstetrics hospitals in Delhi

†2684. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gynaecology and obstetrics hospitals in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the gynaecology and obstetrics hospital, R.K. Puram does not have the facility of several major tests such as B.H.C.G., H.B., B.T., C.T., B.S.U.H.E., U.S., and due to this these tests are carried from outside which causes problems to the patients; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the actions Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Within the existing resources, R.K. Puram hospital is carrying out most of the required tests except for BHCG; BSUHE, etc. For tests which are not conducted in the hospitals, patients are permitted by the CGHS to get the same done from private diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS, Delhi and claim reimbursement.

Herbal medicine units

2685. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many special herbal production and development centres have been set up in the country;

(b) how many of these are linked to the growing export market; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what facilities and funds have been provided if at all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In the Eleventh plan, Scheme for promotion of good harvesting practices, value addition and setting up of medicinal plants processing zones through National Medicinal Plants Board is on the avail to provide better market linkages to farmers.

Rapes in Government hospitals

2686. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some rapes have taken place in Government hospitals in the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that new born children have been kidnapped from some of the hospitals and if so, the details of such incident in different States in the last 12 months; and

(c) what action has been taken to see that such incidents do not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There have been no instances of rape and kidnapping of newborn children in any Central Government Hospital in Delhi during last one year. However, to prevent such incident, sufficient number of security guards have been deployed in all sensitive areas of hospitals.

Metal content in medicines

2687. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia and other countries have warned their citizens against using unapproved traditional medicines from India on account of its metal content;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is not mandatory to test the metal content in the traditional drugs meant for human use; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After publication of an article in the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) some regulatory agencies in other countries like Australia, US and UK have issued health alerts regarding Ayurvedic/Unani medicines due to alleged presence of heavy metals above permissible limits.

(c) and (d) The manufacturers of the medicines against whom health alerts have been issued by regulatory agencies of other countries have been asked to get their